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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of November 7, 2001, the drawings, specification, and claims have been amended. The specification has been amended to correct two formality-type errors. The specification has also been amended to add a part number for the "dividers." Figure 6 is proposed for amendment to include part number 103. The change to the specification and drawings regarding the dividers was requested by the Examiner in the Office Action.

The only claims pending are claims 22-27. Independent claim 22 and dependent claim 23 concern an insert for a jack. Independent claim 24 and dependent claims 25-27 concern a jack for use with a mounting fixture. The jack of claim 24 includes an insert assembly and a jack housing body. The Examiner's attention is directed to related claim 3 of parent patent 6,334,792, and related claims 11-13 and 19-22 of parent patent 6,234,836.

The changes made by the current amendment are attached hereto in a page entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made." If the Examiner believes a telephone If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issue, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number noted.

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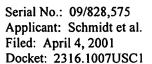
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The paragraph beginning at page 9, line 13, has been rewritten as follows:

The connector mount 80 preferably comprises a one-piece, plastic member having a main body 96 including a first side 98 positioned opposite from a second side 100. The printed circuit board 78 is mounted at the second side 100 of the main body 96. The first side 98 of the main body 96 is configured for holding or retaining the contact springs 34 and the insulation displacement terminals 82. For example, the first side [100] <u>98</u> of the main body 96 includes two combs 102, 104 (shown in Fig. 6) for receiving and separating the contact springs 34. Each of the combs 102, 104 includes a plurality of dividers <u>103</u> defining slots sized for receiving the contact springs 34.

The paragraph beginning at page 10, line 32, has been rewritten as follows:

Next, the insert assembly 38 is moved along the trough 76 in a forward direction such that a front end of the insert assembly 38 (e.g. the end at which the contact springs 34 are mounted) moves into the inner chamber 66 of the jack housing 36 through the rear opening 68 of the jack housing 36. As the front end of the insert assembly 38 enters the inner chamber 66, the guide rails 72 of the jack housing 36 are received within the guide slots 116 defined by the connector mount 80. Also, the free end portions 120 of the contact springs 34 are received within the slots defined by the comb 70 located within the inner chamber 66. When the insert assembly 38 has been fully inserted within the inner chamber 66, the locking tabs [114] 112 of the connector mount 80 snap within the latch openings 74 of the jack housing 36. To remove the insert assembly 38 from the jack housing 36, the locking tabs 112 can be depressed thereby allowing the insert assembly 38 to be pulled from the jack housing 36.